

GORE OF GOEBEL.

The Noted Kentuckian Receives a Serious Wound

IN THE CAPITAL OF THE STATE

While En Route With a Couple of Friends to the Statehouse—Party Arrested Taken to Louisville.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 31.—While walking through the capitol grounds on his way to the capitol building at 11:10 yesterday William Goebel, the Democratic contestant for governor of Kentucky, was shot down and very dangerously wounded.

Five shots in all were fired. The shots were fired from a window of the executive building just east of the legislative hall.

Hartland Whitaker, a farmer from Butler county, the home of Gov. Taylor, is now in the jail at Louisville charged with the crime. There is no direct evidence against Whitaker, and he was placed under arrest more because he was caught around the capitol building when the shots were fired than for any other apparent reason. He denies in the most positive manner that he had anything connection with the shooting or knew anything about it. He says he was running toward the place where Goebel fell, and not from it, when he was caught and arrested.

Senator Goebel was wounded by a rifle ball of small calibre, not over .25, which struck him in the right side just below the armpit. The ball passed through the back part of the right lung, across the body on a diagonal line, coming out below the left shoulder blade. No vital organs were injured with the exception of the right lung.

That the shooting of Mr. Goebel was the result of a carefully laid plan is without question. The man who did the work had evidently taken his stand at the window, which had previously been raised in order to allow the free passage of the bullet, and waited until his victim was in full sight before firing. Even since the influx of mountaineers last week there was a large number of them sleeping in the upper part of the state house. It is not known, however, that these men did the work or that they had any knowledge of the premeditated crime. There has not, so far, been discovered the slightest direct evidence pointing to any man.

The man who fired the shot took the precaution to conceal his location by using smokeless powder cartridges. A score of people were where they had a full view of the side of the building from which the firing was done and all of them declare that not a sign of powder smoke was visible.

Mr. Goebel was on his way to the senate chamber in company with Col. Jack Chinn and Warden Bob Lillard of the Frankfort penitentiary. Mr. Lillard was a few feet in advance of Goebel and Chinn, who were walking side by side, Goebel being on the right and Chinn upon the left.

An Goebel fell he exclaimed: "They have got me this time. I guess they have killed me."

Whittaker was arrested as he came down the steps of the building. Three revolvers and a big knife were found on him. Demonstrations were so great he was taken to Louisville. The excitement was intense.

Gov. Taylor expressed the most intense concern over the unfortunate affair.

President Distressed.

Washington, Jan. 31.—News of the shooting of Wm. Goebel, the Democratic contestant for governor of Kentucky, was received at the White House while the cabinet was in session. Upon reading the bulletins the president expressed his sorrow, and remarked that it was a great calamity. He was much distressed at the news, and so were all the members of the cabinet. All agree that it was a most lamentable occurrence.

Still Bombarding.

Kimberly, Friday, Jan. 26.—The wholesale bombardment which lasted all day yesterday was resumed this morning. The Boers sent 250 shells into all parts of Kimberly. There were several casualties, including a woman and child. The favorite target appears to have been the hospital. A shrapnel shell exploded close to a house which was proceeding to the cemetery and a shell burst in the cemetery during the funeral.

Only One Blow.

New York, Jan. 31.—A right-hand lead, landing fairly on the jaw, knocked Kid McPartland down and out in the first round of what was to have been a twenty-round bout at catchweights last night at the Hercules Athletic Club in Brooklyn.

Matty Matthews was the Kid's adversary and Matty was the man who landed the knock-out blow.

Heavy snow-storms have prevailed throughout France.

Clark Case.

Washington, Jan. 31.—A fired and much-racked witness was heard in the Clark bribery investigation yesterday. Senator Geiger, member of the legislature that elected Senator Clark, regarded the committee.

Senator Geiger by his own admission had \$75 when he went to Helena. He had a contest on his hand and did not secure the seat until thirteen days before adjournment.

After the adjournment he counted up his assets and found he had \$3700. He accounted for the accumulation by saying that \$200 of it came from his salary, \$200 from his mother, \$1500 or thereabouts was won at faro, and the remainder flew into his bedroom one night through the transom. He picked up an envelope containing \$1,100. Where it came from he did not know.

His name was on the envelope, and so he kept the money. That was the only instance where he could remember that it rained money on him, and it was not recorded in his testimony that he ever felt it necessary to carry an umbrella to protect himself from showers of greenbacks.

The witness had a suspicion that the package described came from some interests seeking legislation. Anyway, he kept it, and declared that his vote was in no manner influenced by it.

The object of the memorialists in having this witness tell his story was to produce the impression that he had received money from Clark for his vote.

Before taking his seat Senator Geiger made a mighty oath that he would not vote for Senator Clark, yet he did vote for him to the finish.

Declared Elected.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 31.—While William Goebel lay at the point of death in his room as the result of an assassin's bullet, the contesting boards which for two weeks had been listening to the evidence in his contest for the governor's chair, declared him entitled to his seat.

The boards having in charge the contests between Goebel and Taylor for governor, and Beckham and Marshall for lieutenant governor, met at 7 o'clock last night in the city hall to consider the evidence submitted to them and prepare their report to the legislature. A few legal authorities were read to them at the request of Senator Allen, who wished light shed upon a few doubtful points. The vote was taken, and by a strict party vote of 10 to 1 Wm. Goebel was declared to Kentucky.

The Beckham-Marshall contest was then voted upon, and a strict vote of 9 to 2 settled this matter. No announcement was made of the reasons leading up to the report being made last night, the boards taking everything at one leap. Each one of the members of both committees announced that he had made up his mind as to the merits of the case and voted promptly as his name was called.

An effort was made by a number of the Democrats to get together a quorum of both houses and hold a night session to hear the reports of the two committees at once and adopt them and declare Goebel the governor of Kentucky before morning. They were anxious to give him the honor before he died. So many legislators had gone to Louisville and Lexington for the night, however, that it was found impossible to carry out this programme.

The state department has received no official confirmation of the Chinese emperor's death.

The cabinet discussed British-Boer mediation but agreed on nothing.

Building Guarded.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 31.—Five hundred men of the Second Kentucky Infantry were camped around the capitol buildings last night and 1,500 more are expected in a few hours.

All through the building in which the adjutant general's office is situated lay sleeping soldiers, every man with his cartridge belt still buckled around his waist. Outside the door the rifles were stacked, sentries walking beats beside them. Gatling guns are convenient.

Into Active Practice.

London, Jan. 31.—It is now known that the cabinet devoted much of its discussions on Saturday to the mobilization of the fleet. Nothing was settled except that, until further security to the home coasts has been obtained by naval preparations, the Eighth division shall not be sent to South Africa. The channel squadron will go into active practice at once instead of going to Gibraltar.

Fatal Ambush.

Manila, Jan. 31.—A scouting party of the twenty-fifth infantry, while operating near Subig, was ambushed by insurgents and a lieutenant and three privates wounded. A company some distance in the rear on hearing the firing hurried to the scene and recovered the bodies. Local papers assert, although the statement is not confirmed, that the insurgents lost forty in killed and wounded.

Legislative.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 30.—In the absence of Lieutenant Governor Browning, President Pro Tem, Turney called the senate to order yesterday. Roll call showed a quorum present.

On motion of Mr. James, Lieut. Gov. Browning was excused until Thursday.

Senator Lewis of Bexar was present yesterday for the first time, and was warmly greeted.

Mr. Potter presented petition from citizens of Cooke county protesting against additional tax being imposed on stock of mutual building and loan associations.

Committee on public lands reported substitute for Potter bill compensating the school fund, the features of which are given elsewhere.

Mr. Morris introduced a bill fixing salaries of the superintendents of insane asylums at Austin, San Antonio and Terrell at \$3000 each per annum, and be provided at the expense of the state with such fuel, light, water, cooking, household and table furniture and quarters as may be required. Appropriation is made in accordance with above increase, which is a raise of \$1000 each per annum.

At 10 o'clock yesterday the house was called to order by Speaker Sherrill.

A recess until 11 o'clock was taken.

On reassembling, Mr. Kittrell introduced a resolution providing that the house appoint a committee of five to officially represent the house at the funeral in Houston of Capt. Alfred W. Drew, who fell in battle in the Philippines. Adopted.

Mr. Hamilton introduced a resolution that the house appoint a committee of three to investigate the status of all bonds issued by the city of Austin. Ruled out of order.

Mr. Masterson introduced a resolution that our senators and representatives in congress be requested to support the recommendation of Capt. Riche regarding the improvement of Texas waterways.

The following bills were introduced: By Mr. Wells, to amend law passed by called session of the Twenty-fifth legislature, the object being to raise the tax on ten-pin alleys to \$1000.

By Mr. Decker, to amend articles 5061 and 5089b relating to property subject to taxation and mode of rendering, assessing and valuing same, and to compel the rendition of property at fair valuation. To judiciary committee No. 2.

By Mr. Decker, to amend articles 5040 to 5057 inclusive, relating to the levy and collection of occupation taxes so as to relieve useful occupations from payment of occupation taxes. To committee on state affairs.

By Mr. Decker, to tax mortgages, notes and other contracts secured by a lien on real estate, providing the mode for the levying, assessing and collecting of the taxes thereon. To judiciary committee No. 1.

Speaker Sherrill laid before the house a protest from Dr. A. T. Edwards, president of the Texas Eclectic Medical association, protesting against the state appropriating money for the maintenance of the State Medical college at Galveston. The petition asserts that the college is conducted in the interest of old school allopaths. To committee on revenue and taxation.

The speaker announced as the committee to attend the funeral of Capt. Drew at Houston Messrs. Kittrell, Browne, Bailey, Parrish and Smith of Grayson.

President McKinley was 57 years old on the 29th. He received many congratulations from visitors and a large number of cablegrams felicitating him upon the occasion.

Mandamus Petition.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 30.—In the supreme court a petition for mandamus was submitted. The Galveston, Houston and Northern Railway company seeks to compel Secretary of State Hardy to register bonds of said road without charging a fee of \$1 per bond. Mr. Hardy claims that registering a bond is giving an official certificate, for the law empowers him to charge \$1 each and the attorney general holds the same view and presented the state's contention in court.

Disturbed His Members.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 30.—A fine of \$250 was assessed against Walter Finley, a negro, by Judge Kenneth Force in the county court yesterday. Finley was charged with committing an aggravated assault upon a little negro boy not long since. The allegation was made during the trial that the child was most severely bruised, and evidence was offered to show the little one had irritated Finley because it persisted in making a noise when he wanted to sleep.

Business Permits.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 29.—The following insurance companies have been authorized to do business in Texas by the state commissioner of insurance:

Railway officials and employees accident insurance company of Indianapolis.—Amount of tax paid \$231.95, office fees \$22, agents' certificates \$5.

Painting insurance company of Manchester, Eng.—Amount of tax paid \$170.95, office fees \$22, agents' certificates \$7.

Mrs. Rich Convinced.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 27.—Mrs. John D. Rich, alias Mattie D. Rich, the Chiles woman surrendered to Mexico to be tried for the murder of her husband in Juarez last May, was yesterday adjudged guilty by the Mexican court and sentenced to serve fourteen years in prison.

The finding of the court was read to the woman in her cell yesterday morning, she being unable to attend court, owing to a broken leg. Only her attorneys and the court officials were present.

The woman collapsed completely when she heard the sentence and screamed like a maniac. It required the combined strength of two guards to prevent her from assaulting the officials.

She was finally quieted, however, and then she asked the pardon of those present for her conduct.

Defendant lawyers will appeal to the higher court at Chihuahua and in the event the finding of the lower court is affirmed, Gov. Ahumada will be asked for a pardon.

Money is required to prosecute the appeal and a subscription list has been opened here by United States Marshal Hillebrand.

A search of Mrs. Rich's cell revealed the fact that a quantity of nitric acid and other poisons had been concealed there. She will be imprisoned at Chihuahua.

Going to Mexico.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 27.—Next month Mr. James I. Moore will start for Sonora, the northwestern state of the republic of Mexico, to make a complete exploration of a 33,000,000-acre concession to Dr. Prieto and others, recently granted by the Government of Mexico. Mr. Moore is interested with the gentlemen to whom the Mexican Government has made the grant and he intends to ascertain the value of the princely domain by going all over it, not only in the mining portion in the Sierra Madre hills, but along the coast and between the coast and the hills, in which the enormous pastures lay, which are being developed by American enterprise. Mr. Moore will make his headquarters either at Guaymas or at Hermosillo. He has several American associates, and also a number of experienced natives, the purpose being to prepare the way for large colonies from the United States and from Europe.

Mr. Moore is a son of Dr. Thomas Moore, deceased, the distinguished old pioneer and a brother of Mr. Bart Moore, formerly of Texas and now of New York. The departure of Mr. Moore and other Texans to Sonora is a response to a general invitation given by President Diaz and by the state authorities of Sonora, the purpose being to bring in crowds of first-class people, with a view to developing the enormous resources of the region and to tranquilize the region, which has been in a state of almost continuous revolution from the earliest days of Spanish occupancy.

Charged With Murder.

Hillsboro, Tex., Jan. 27.—Deputy Sheriff D. M. Jones brought W. H. Smith in from the country yesterday and placed him in jail. He is charged with the murder of John Byars. Byars was shot three months ago, but lived until about ten days ago. Smith, who was charged with the shooting, was prostrated with rheumatism and could not be brought in until yesterday, when it was deemed safe to remove him. His examining trial was set by Justice Slatton for Jan. 29 at 10 A. M.

Taking Precautions.

Denison, Tex., Jan. 27.—Three times within a twelvemonth has there been small-pox in the Katy hospital at Sedalia, Mo., and every time it was taken there by negroes who were sent to the hospital from Texas or the Indian Territory. In one case the negro was sent to the hospital from a small territory town with the hospital certificate testifying that he had the measles.

The fact that the disease has been taken into the hospital was due to the ignorance of the physicians who sent them. The small-pox has given the chief surgeon has determined to prevent the disease again appearing there, and to that end he will admit no negroes from any portion of Texas unless they are examined by the physicians of the hospital department here and given a certificate as to their freedom from infectious or contagious diseases.

Honeycutt Was Indicted.

Center, Tex., Jan. 27.—The grand jury has been reconvened and has indicted J. A. Honeycutt for the murder of his daughter, Rosa, on last Sunday night. His case has been set for trial on Tuesday, Jan. 30, and a venire of sixty men summoned. Everything is perfectly quiet, and there is no probability that any violence will be done to the prisoner. The little boy and girl who were wounded in the family row are doing well, and are in no danger of serious result from their injuries.

Tax Bill.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 29.—By Wednesday next, unless the present aspect of things undergoes a radical change, the house will be wrestling with the tax bill, and the pyrotechnics incident to its discussion will be in full play.

But for the fact that the railroads have been promised a hearing Tuesday the committee would be prepared to present its report earlier.

On the contrary, nearly every member has reserved to himself the right to propose in the house such amendments as he may favor engrafting upon the bill.

Representatives Morrow and Tolbert have prepared substitutes for section 7 of article 5, 583 and for chapter 13, which they may submit to the committee or wait and offer in the house. The substitute proposed for section 7, article 583, is as follows:

"Every credit for a sum certain payable either in money or property of any kind, (except credits secured by liens on lands the taxes on which are provided for by article 5212, chapter 42), shall be valued at the full value of the sum so payable.

"If for a specific article or for a specific number or quantity of property of any kind it shall be valued at the current price of such property at the place where payable. Annuities or moneys payable at stated periods shall be valued at the price that the person liable the same believes them to be worth in money, provided that the person, listing the same shall be allowed to deduct from his credits the amount that he may be owing by lien on real estate situated in this state, and provided further, that any person claiming any deduction shall be required, when called on by the assessor or the commissioners' court sitting as a board of equalization, to make an exhibit of his credits and debts."

For chapter 13, relating to tax mortgages, it is proposed to substitute the following:

"Art. 5212. Every debt secured by mortgage, deed of trust, vendor's lien, contract or other obligation in writing, upon land or real property situated in any county of this state shall bear its proportionate share of the taxes, state county, city and district, levied upon and required of such real estate; and the person owing such debt secured who shall pay the taxes on such real estate shall be entitled to a credit upon such debt for such proportion of the taxes paid as the debt secured bears to the assessed value of the real estate, and said credit may be deducted from said debt as against any holder of said debt, and any contract by which the provisions of this article are waived or contravened shall be null and void; provided, however, that the provisions of this article shall not apply to contracts with the state of Texas or any county or any municipality of said state."

Silver Ring on It.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 29.—On the farm of Mr. Jack McCommas, five miles north, a pigeon dropped dead in sight of a farmhand. On picking the bird up, he discovered a silver ring on one of its legs. The following inscription is stamped in the metal, which may serve to identify the owner of the bird: "N. A., 4650." The bird was a carrier pigeon, and had evidently traveled a great distance. Some nomadic pot hunter took a shot at it, no doubt, and killed it.

Gendarmes unearthed a Carlist arsenal in a house in Palencia, capital of the province of that name in Spain, and seized 100,000 cartridges and a large quantity of arms. Six Carlists who are implicated fled across the frontier.

Five Cases.

Brenham, Tex., Jan. 29.—Dr. I. G. Jones, assistant state health physician, arrived here yesterday to make a diagnosis of some cases suspected of being small-pox. In company with the county and city health physician and four other local physicians, Dr. Jones visited three houses in the western part of town and made a diagnosis of five cases every one of which he pronounced to be small-pox, but of a very mild character.

Killed by an Auger.

Benjamin, Tex., Jan. 29.—A serious accident near this place, resulted in the death of N. S. Ward. Mr. Ward was assisting in boring a well and the parties engaged were in the act of taking the auger out of the well when the brake broke, turning the auger loose, striking Mr. Ward on the neck.

H. C. Rasse, a well-known Texas commercial traveler is dead at San Antonio.

Owing to Small-Pox.

Paris, Tex., Jan. 29.—The public schools in West Paris and at Petty have suspended on account of the small-pox scare. There have been no new cases in town or in the country reported, however, in two days, and all patients and exposed persons are thoroughly isolated.

Maj. John Hornby, one of Fort Worth's most prominent citizens, and president of the Fort Worth and Rio Grande Railway company, passed away in that city.

Legislators' Work.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 31.—Senator Green introduced in the senate a resolution presenting resolutions adopted by citizens of Beaumont in mass-meeting assembled on Jan. 27, the nature of which is protesting against the report made by United States engineers with reference to cutting a channel from Sabine Pass to Sabine River, and insisting that the channel be cut from Sabine Pass to deep water in Sabine and Neches rivers via another route. Referred to committee on federal relations.

Senator Burns secured adoption of a resolution expressing regret at the death of Lieut. Alfred Wettermark Drew, and instructing the adjutant general to represent the military department at the funeral, which occurs in Houston on Thursday.

Senator Dillrell introduced a bill amending article 4824 of the Revised Statutes to make it read as follows: "The superintendents of the lunatic asylums shall receive an annual salary of \$4000 each, and no more; and the superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb asylum and the superintendent of the Blind asylum shall receive an annual salary of \$3000 each, and no more." Referred to finance committee.

Senator Potter's bill providing for the compensation of the school fund, with committee substitute, went over.

Senator Potter introduced a bill giving the commissioner of the general land office discretion in fixing the price and terms in the sale of isolated and detached sections of school lands. Referred to the public lands committee. This bill seeks to cure the defect pointed out by the supreme court about two weeks ago, when the mandamus petition of P. O. Weller vs. Charles Rogan, land commissioner, was granted.

In the house Mr. Bailey, as a question of privilege, presented the resignation of Representative Tarver, and asked its reference to the committee on privileges and elections, where it should be tried on its merits. It was so referred, the speaker, however, saying the resignation should be submitted to the governor.

A resolution to oust Tarver is before the committee, and Mr. Bailey wants the issue decided as a precedent for similar cases which might hereafter arise.

By Mr. Bridges—Resolution stating that since last session Representative Chambers of Red River county had located in the Indian Territory and had therefore relinquished his right to a seat in this house, and declaring his seat vacant. Referred to committee on privileges and elections.

By Mr. Chambers—That since the adjournment of the regular session the following members had performed deeds of heroism by taking unto themselves wives: E. P. Vaughan, A. M. Kennedy, A. W. Morris, Sam G. Little, Pat Neff and E. A. Calvin; therefore the house extend its sympathy and congratulations. Adopted by a rising vote.

A messenger from the senate announced that that body had adopted the concurrent resolution urging the senators and representatives in congress to support the recommendations of Capt. Riche, United States engineer, for the opening and deepening of waterways. The house also adopted the resolution.

By Mr. Dies—Resolutions adopted by citizens of Beaumont protesting against the report of United States Engineer Quinn regarding the cutting of a channel from the deep water in Sabine Pass to a connection with the Neches and Sabine rivers. Referred to committee on federal relations.

To Visit Asylum.

Terrell, Tex., Jan. 31.—Major J. S. Grinnan, member of the board of managers of the north Texas insane asylum, received a telegram yesterday stating that a committee from the legislature, composed of Representatives Morrow, Maxwell and Stuart, will arrive to make an inspection of the asylum in order to report on the proposed appropriations for repairs and additional heating and lighting machinery and the new kitchen.

Got Them.

Colorado, Tex., Jan. 31.—Sheriff Ira Kutch of Severy county came to town with two men wanted in Roswell, N. M., charged with the theft of saddle horses, and also with breaking jail at that place. The owner of the horses tracked the men across the Plains to the neighborhood of Snyder, and then went to town and got the Sheriff from Roswell came in and left for home with the prisoners.

Railroad and Grain Men Heard.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 31.—On the assembling of the committee on revenue and taxation yesterday, acting chairman Beatty announced that the railway interests would be heard.

Judge Perkins addressed the committee on railroad interests.

R. W. Floutney of Fort Worth spoke in behalf of the grain dealers.

The senate by a vote of 21 to 23 refused to reconsider the Samoan treaty.